CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM

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WHAT IS THE CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM?

- THE CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM IS A BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT FOR ADULTS WHO STUTTER.
- Four Stages:
 - INDIVIDUAL TEACHING SESSIONS
 - GROUP PRACTICE DAY
 - Individual Problem-Solving Sessions
 - OPERFORMANCE CONTINGENT MAINTENANCE STAGE

HOW IS THIS APPROACH CLASSIFIED?

- THE CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM IS A FLUENCY SHAPING APPROACH
 - OFLUENCY SHAPING MODELS INCLUDE ALTERED VOCALIZATION OR ENHANCEMENT OF THE SPEAKING RHYTHM
 - OASSUMES STUTTERING IS A LEARNED BEHAVIOR
 - OHELPS PEOPLE WHO STUTTER FEEL MORE POSITIVE ABOUT THEMSELVES AS COMMUNICATORS

THEORETICAL RATIONALES

- THE CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM TEACHES PROLONGED SPEECH (PS) WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO TERMS OF TRADITIONAL SPEECH TARGETS SUCH AS "GENTLE ONSETS" AND "SOFT CONTACTS"
- CLIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE WHATEVER FEATURES OF THE PS PATTERN THEY DESIRE TO CONTROL STUTTERING AND ARE FREE TO INDIVIDUALIZE THEIR OWN BEHAVIORS.

STYLE OF PRESENTATION

INDIVIDUAL TEACHING SESSIONS

- 3-5 SESSIONS TO LEARN TO PRODUCE PROLONGED SPEECH IN A 3-MINUTE MONOLOGUE
- PROGRESS TO NEXT STAGE WHEN TWO CLINICIANS AGREE THAT SPEECH IS "STUTTER FREE" FOR 3 MINUTES

GROUP PRACTICE DAY

- 14 CYCLES (6 HAVE THREE 5-MINUTE PHASES, 8 HAVE 20-MINUTE GROUP CONVERSATIONS)
- O THE GOAL IS 1-3 ON THE NATURALNESS SCALE AND 1-2 ON THE SEVERITY SCALE

INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM-SOLVING SESSIONS

1 HOUR SESSIONS, WEEKLY

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

- STEPS ARE SCHEDULED AT INTERVALS OF 2 WEEKS, 2 WEEKS, 4 WEEKS, 4 WEEKS, 8 WEEKS, 12 WEEKS, AND 24 WEEKS
- IF CLIENT FAILS AT ANY STEP, HE/SHE MUST REPEAT IT

MEASUREMENT OF SUCCESS

- 9-POINT RATING SCALE
 - **OSEVERITY RATING SCALE**
 - 1 = NO STUTTERING
 - 9 = EXTREMELY SEVERE STUTTERING
 - ONATURALNESS RATING SCALE
 - 1 = EXTREMELY NATURAL SOUNDING SPEECH
 - 9 = EXTREMELY UNNATURAL SOUNDING SPEECH
 - OUSED BY BOTH CLINICIANS AND CLIENTS
 - OGOAL IS TO HAVE RATING OF CLINICIAN AND RATING OF CLIENT BE SIMILAR

GENERALIZATION AND MAINTENANCE

- MAINTENANCE STAGE FOLLOWS A PERFORMANCE-CONTINGENT SCHEDULE
 - ONE 10-MINUTE WITHIN-CLINIC CONVERSATION
 - THREE CONVERSATIONS RECORDED IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS
 - MEET PROGRAM CRITERIA
- DISCHARGE CRITERIA
 - CLIENTS ARE DISCHARGED IF THEY COMPLETE THE PROGRAM CRITERIA, DO NOT COMPLY WITH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR WITHDRAW FROM THE TREATMENT PROGRAM

DATA REGARDING SUCCESS RATE

- 12 MONTHS POST-TREATMENT:
 - SPEECH OUTCOME DATA ARE FAVORABLE
 - O PARTICIPANTS SPOKE WITH MINIMAL STUTTERING RATES UP TO 12 MONTHS AFTER ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM
 - SPEECH RATES WERE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE
 - SPEECH NATURALNESS RATES WERE FAVORABLE
 - OTHERE WAS SOME SIGN OF RELAPSE IN 3 OUT OF 16 PARTICIPANTS 6-12 MONTHS POST-TREATMENT

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

STRENGTHS

- LESS TIME TO LEARN THE PROLONGED-SPEECH
- CLINICAL HOURS ARE REDUCED: 20 CLINICAL HOURS CAN PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES
- ADVANTAGES IN THE VIDEO PROCEDURE: GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING, IMPROVES OPERATIONS OF THE TREATMENT PROCESS, PARTICIPANT IMITATES THE EXEMPLAR ON THE VIDEO
- DOES NOT INVOLVE ONLINE JUDGMENT OF STUTTERING MOMENTS:
 BYPASSES PROBLEMS OF CLINICIAN UNRELIABILITY ONLINE

WEAKNESSES

- THIS IS A NEW WAY OF TEACHING PROLONGED SPEECH. THE PROCEDURE DOES NOT INVOLVE PROGRAMMED INSTRUCTION.
- O DOES NOT DEAL WITH SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES

WOULD WE RECOMMEND THIS APPROACH?

YES!

- THE CAMPERDOWN PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ADULT CLIENTS WITH MILD TO SEVERE STUTTERING
- CLIENT DOES NOT HAVE TO DEDICATE WEEKS OF CLINICAL TIME
- OCLIENT DOES NOT NEED TO LEARN COMPLEX RULES
- CLIENT DOES NOT NEED TO USE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT
- TREATMENT INCLUDES USING A MANUAL AND VIDEO TAPE

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